



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director
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Robert Ryans, Director
Department of Community and Senior Services

SUBJECT: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MOTION - DECEMBER 3, 2002, DEVELOP PLAN TO SUSTAIN FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR 03-04 FOR CALWORKs YOUTH JOBS PROGRAM SERVICES

Pursuant to your Board's December 3, 2002 instruction, we have coordinated efforts to sustain the CalWORKs Youth Jobs Program beyond June 30, 2003 and have reported monthly to you on our activities. These activities include: 1) efforts to secure use of next fiscal year Performance Incentives funds that are projected to be unspent as of June 30, 2003; and, 2) use of Workforce Investment Act Youth dollars to fund a "summer first" program in 2003/04 using \$2,000,000 in 2002/03 WIA carryover funds.

We are pleased to report that as a result of action taken by your Board on April 29, 2003, we have secured the use of \$4.5 million dollars allocated by your Board on March 4, 2003 to sustain the CalWORKs Youth Jobs Program through September 2003. This was accomplished by your Board's approval for the use of Performance Incentive funds to pay for juvenile probation services that would have otherwise been paid with Net County Cost funds. Additionally, Community & Senior Services has been working with the seven other Workforce Investment Boards (WIB) in Los Angeles County, to identify programs currently in place or being planned, which provide summer youth employment opportunities for youth, and the number of teens which can be served. The listing of these activities is attached. These additional services provided by the WIBs have the potential to serve approximately 2,300 teens. As a result of the combined activities reported above, we have been able to ensure that summer youth employment services remain a viable option for teens through next fiscal year.

Unless you instruct otherwise, this is our final report to you on this subject.

BY/RR:sg
Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel

**COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF SUMMER BASED EMPLOYMENT
ACTIVITIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Long Beach Workforce Investment Board	
2003 Hire a Youth	
Contact: Cecile Harris Walters (562) 570-4715	
Program Expenditures: Undetermined Funding Source: City of Long Beach Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce	Services: A collaborative partnership between the City of Long Beach Workforce Development Bureau and Long Beach Chamber of Commerce. The program offers motivated youth between the ages of 16-19 who are attending high school in the greater Long Beach area, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and recommendation from the school counselor, an unsubsidized job at \$6.75/hr for a minimum of 4 weeks at 20 hours per week. Identifiable skills will be included on a skills certificate.

City of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board	
City of Los Angeles Summer Youth Program	
Contact: Wesley Watkins (213) 485-6775	
Program Expenditures: \$2,000,000 Funding Source: City of Los Angeles General Funds	Services: The City's Summer Youth program offers 120 to 140 hours of summer employment opportunities, basic skills remediation, and work readiness skills for approximately 1600 youth between the ages of 14-19. The Summer Youth program will run concurrently with CalWORKs program serving low-income youth who are ineligible to participate in the CalWORKs program. Eligible youth will earn \$6.75/hr. during their participation in the program.

Foothill Workforce Investment Board	
Realizing Opportunities in Summer Employment (ROSE) Program	
Contact: Horace Warmly (626) 744-6819	
Program Expenditures: \$239,000 Funding Source: City of Pasadena General Funds	Services: The ROSE program offers summer employment opportunities for approximately 150 low-income Pasadena youth between the ages of 14-21 for a period of 8 weeks commencing on July 1 st and ending in late August. The ROSE Program focuses primarily on key work and employment readiness skills. Eligible youth are mainly placed at City departments and other non-profit organizations. Youth will earn \$7.50/hr. during their participation in the program.

Verdugo Workforce Investment Board	
Brush Clearance Program	
Contact: Lisa McMurray (818) 548-3324	
Program Expenditures: \$122,514 Funding Source: City of Glendale General Funds	Services: The Brush Clearance Program provides a first time job experience for approximately 40 unskilled 14-16 year old youth. Youth perform hillside brush clearance on public land to augment the City's fire prevention efforts. This is a mentored youth employment experience, where team leaders closely supervise youth. This program provides approximately 200 hours of summer employment for participants.
Glendale Youth Employment Partnership (GYEP)	
Contact: Lisa McMurray (818) 548-3324	
Program Expenditures: \$63,333 Funding Source: City of Glendale General Funds	Services: Approximately 30 youth will participate in this partially subsidized year-round youth employment program. Generally, youth work on teams hired by private customers to perform brush clearance and other general labor tasks on their private properties. This is a mentored youth employment experience, where team leaders closely supervise the youth. This program is designed as the next step for youth who have successfully completed the Summer Brush Clearance Program. Because participants work on private property, they learn the importance of meeting customer expectations. The hallmark of this program is that the individuals that hire the youth pay for their wages. The youth are supervised in the field by Team Leaders whose wages are also paid for by the individuals that hire the youth.

Carson Lomita Torrance Workforce Investment Board	
Home Improvement (HIP) Program	
Contact: James Lee (310) 782-3206	
Program Expenditures: \$145,000 Funding Source: City of Torrance Re-development Funds	Services: Approximately 18-20 youth between the ages of 18-19 will participate in this year-round youth employment and training program. The focus of the training is mainly in the areas of maintenance and construction. Youth will earn \$6.75/hr. with incremental raises of \$.50/hr. every 3 months.

County of Los Angeles Workforce Investment Board	
Summer First WIA Program	
Contact: Virginia Enriquez (213) 738-2684	
Program Expenditures: \$2,000,000 Funding Source: County of Los Angeles WIA Funds	Services: Like the regular WIA Youth Program, the Summer First program utilizes WIA funds to offer the 10 core elements to WIA eligible participants. The primary difference in the two programs is that in the Summer First program, participants begin their activities with the Summer employment component first and then continue on with other WIA services. For PY 2003 the Summer First program will service approximately 450 youth who will begin the program by receiving between 160-200 hours of summer work experience at \$6.75/hr.